

## OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

## PRESS RELEASE

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Following an investigation conducted by the Noblesville Police Department, the State has filed charges against Michael Douce in connection with alleged activities with two Noblesville High School students at various locations and on various dates in 2014.

The charges, filed on January 8, 2015, are pending in Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 in Noblesville under cause number 29D01-1501-F4-000242.

The State charged Mr. Douce with the following offenses:

- One count of Burglary, a Level 4 Felony;
- Two counts of Child Seduction, a Class C Felony;
- Two counts of Child Seduction, a Level 5 Felony;
- One count of Child Exploitation, a Level 5 Felony;
- Two counts of Child Seduction, a Class D Felony;
- Two counts of Child Seduction, a Level 6 Felony;
- One count of Dissemination of Matter Harmful to Minors, a Level 6 Felony; and
- Two counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a Class A Misdemeanor.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Mr. Douce, but it is believed that he will be surrendering himself at the Hamilton County Jail today. An initial hearing will be scheduled following his booking at the jail.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Further inquiries about the litigation may be directed to Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Andre Miksha or Sex Crimes Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Matt Kestian. Due to the likelihood of inquiries, the State provides this release.

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